

REMARKS

The present amendment and request for reconsideration is filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2005, the period of response having been extended until October 6, 2005. Claims 1-19, 21, and 23-30 are pending in the application.

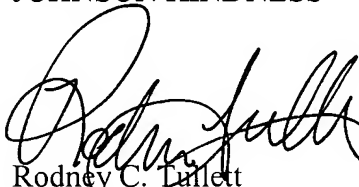
In the Office Action, Claims 1-22 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,728,946. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1-19 and 21 have been amended to claim different aspects of the present invention than are recited in the issued claims of the parent '946 patent. Because the pending claims are not identical to those of the '946 patent, it is requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

In light of the present amendment, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. It is therefore requested that the Examiner pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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